COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING EVALUATION

UNIT: Narcotics Bureau - Lennox Station Crew

DATE: 05/24/95

TIME: 1415 Hours

LOCATION: [redacted] 111th Street, Los Angeles

URN#: 095-06600-0374-057

IAB#: 009104

NATURE OF INCIDENT: ATTEMPT MURDER ON A PEACE OFFICER - DEPUTY AND SUSPECT INJURED

COMPLETED BY: Sergeant Patti Dayhoff
Internal Affairs Bureau

DATE: May 25, 1995

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT	FILE NO.
May 24, 1995	**095-06600-0374-057**

PERSONNEL INVOLVED

HALPIN, Joseph, Deputy #[redacted]
Narcotics Bureau, Lennox Station Crew
Detective Division

REQUESTOR

Gerald W. Minnis, Chief
Professional Standards and Training Division

CHARACTER OF CASE

Deputy Involved Shooting - Deputy and Suspect Injured

LOCATION

[redacted] 111th Street, Los Angeles

REFERENCE	INVESTIGATOR
Gerald W. Minnis, Chief **Professional Standards and Training Division**	**Sergeant Patti Dayhoff** **Internal Affairs Bureau**

SYNOPSIS

Deputies served a search warrant at suspect's residence. Upon the knock and notice, the suspect fled through the front door, where he was detained by a deputy on the outer containment. The suspect jumped up and ran from the deputies and headed west across Normandie Avenue and went west on 111th Street, with Deputies Halpin and [redacted] in foot pursuit. The suspect jumped into a car which was parked on the south curb of 111th street, facing east, with its engine running. It then struck Deputy [redacted], throwing him onto the hood of the car. The suspect then accelerated east on 111th Street towards Normandie Avenue with Deputy [redacted] still on the hood. Deputy Halpin fired three (3) rounds of his Departmentally issued Beretta 92F into the right side of the suspect vehicle, striking the suspect once in the right wrist. The suspect continued east on 111th Street, and struck a vehicle travelling south on Normandie Avenue, with Deputy [redacted] still clinging on. The suspect then turned north on Normandie Avenue, where it ran into a fenced yard at the corner of 110th Place and Normandies Avenue. The impact caused Deputy [redacted] to be thrown from the car.

SUBMITTED BY	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION TO
Norman L. Smith, Captain **Internal Affairs Bureau**	**William T. Stonich, Commander** **Professional Standards and Training Division**

STATUS OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED

On Duty

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On May 24, 1995, Lieutenant Garry Leonard and Sergeants Patti Dayhoff and Linda Knutson responded to [redacted] 111th Street, Los Angeles, to investigate a deputy involved shooting. This report is based on interviews conducted by Homcide and Lennox patrol personnel of involved personnel and civilian witnesses, as well as reports prepared by Lennox patrol deputies.

At approximately 1400 hours, the following personnel assigned to the Narcotics Bureau, Lennox Station detail, served a search warrant at [redacted] **Sergeant Raul Perez #[redacted] Deputies Joseph Halpin #[redacted], Ronald Napue #[redacted] and Tom Layton #[redacted]** They were assisted by Lennox patrol deputies, [redacted] #[redacted] **and** [redacted] #[redacted] The narcotics personnel, as well as Deputies [redacted] and [redacted], were wearing "soft" clothes and Departmentally approved green raid jackets, bearing the word "Sheriff" across the back as well as on the right front. A yellow Sheriff's star is on the left front. Uniformed Lennox deputies, **Troy Ewing #[redacted] and Jenny Waddell #[redacted]**, were also present.

The deputies approached by way of the alley to the rear of the location, which is a triplex. Sergeant Perez and Deputies Napue, [redacted] and [redacted] were in an undercover van, driven by Deputy Halpin. Deputy Layton was in his undercover K-9 van, and he was accompanied by Mr. [redacted] who was videotaping Deputy Layton and his dog for a documentary. Deputies Ewing and Waddell were in a marked black and white radio car. As they approached northbound in the alley, Deputy Halpin noticed several males, one of whom was carrying a shotgun. The deputies drew their weapons and detained the males. Four males were arrested and an additional firearm was found. Deputies Halpin and Layton used their handcuffs to secure these four individuals. These persons were not involved with the search warrant. Deputies Ewing and Waddell remained with these four males while the others executed the search warrant.

Deputies Halpin, [redacted] and Napue and Sergeant Perez went to the rear door, which is located at the south side of the building, while Deputy Layton covered the front to the north. Deputy Halpin made a knock and notice by identifying themselves as from the Sheriff's Department and in possession of a search warrant. The deputies heard people running inside the location but no one responded to their request to open the door. Deputy [redacted] gained entry by utilizing a ram. Upon entry, the deputies detained two male blacks, [redacted] and [redacted] A male black, Suspect Stanley Cheatam, and two females, [redacted] and [redacted], ran out the front door, where they were detained by Deputy Layton. Suspect Cheatam laid down on the cement walkway, facing west towards Normandie Avenue, and [redacted] and [redacted] laid half proned on the steps leading to the walkway. This yard area is fenced. Deputies Halpin and [redacted] went to the front and were informed by Deputy Layton that he had seen Cheatam toss what appeared to be several pieces of rock cocaine on the ground as he ran out the front door. Deputy Halpin saw several pieces of rock cocaine on the ground and retrieved three pieces. He gave them to Deputy [redacted] and told Deputy [redacted] to handcuff Cheatam. Cheatam immediately stood up and ran from the location, towards Normandie Avenue. Deputies Halpin and [redacted] went in foot pursuit. They chased after Cheatam, who had about a 25-30 foot lead, through traffic across Normandie Avenue. When they reached 111th Street, Deputy [redacted] passed Deputy Halpin and was approximately 15 feet in front. Cheatam's lead had increased to about 70-75 feet, and he was running westbound on 111th Street, in the center of the street. Cheatam suddenly veered to the left and opened the door to a brown 1982 Ford station wagon (license #[redacted] which was legally parked on the south curb facing east in front of [redacted] 111th Street, with its engine running. Deputy

[redacted] not realizing the engine was running, ran towards the driver's door in order to stop Cheatam. Cheatam turned the steering wheel sharply and accelerated toward Deputy [redacted]

I.A.B. NOTE: There was no other car or obstruction in front of the station wagon.

The left front bumper of the car struck Deputy [redacted] across his legs, flipping him onto the hood of the car. Deputy Halpin stated it was obvious Cheatam intentionally ran into Deputy [redacted] The car, with Deputy [redacted] still clinging to the lip of the hood adjacent to the windshield, sped off eastbound towards Normandie Avenue. Deputy Halpin, who was about 45-50 away, jumped out of the way of the car onto the south sidewalk. Believing that Deputy [redacted] was seriously injured and realizing the car was headed towards Normandie Avenue, a heavy traffic street which could lead to further injuries or death to Deputy [redacted] Deputy Halpin withdrew his gun from its holster and fired three (3) rounds at the suspect through the right passenger window of the car as it came abreast of him in an attempt to stop the vehicle. He did not fire any more shots as he feared he may hit Deputy [redacted] if he continued to do so.

The vehicle accelerated by Deputy Halpin at approximately 35-40 MPH. At the intersection of 111th Street and Normandie Avenue, the suspect turned north onto Normandie. As he did so, he struck a white station wagon (license #[redacted]) driven by [redacted] which was travelling southbound in the #1 lane on Normandie Avenue. Cheatam's car struck the white station wagon in the right rear quarter panel. The impact caused Deputy [redacted] to flip off the hood and then back on. Cheatam continued driving north on Normandie Avenue, with Deputy [redacted] still clinging to the hood. Deputy [redacted] was able to withdraw his weapon from its holster and banged on the windshield with it while ordering Cheatam to stop the car. He opted not to shoot as he was concerned pedestrians might be harmed, or that a shot would cause Cheatam to lose control of the vehicle.

Deputy Halpin ran to the corner of 111th Street and Normandie Avenue and saw Cheatam's vehicle continue north in the southbound lanes on Normandie. The car started to weave and slow, although Deputy Halpin never saw the brake lights come on. The vehicle was travelling approximately 15-20 MPH when it hit the curb on the northwest corner of 110th Place and Normandie Avenue. The car crashed into a hedged fence in the front yard of [redacted] W. 110th Place. Deputy [redacted] had reholstered his weapon and moved to the passenger side of the hood to avoid being caught between the fence and the vehicle. He was thrown from the hood of the car upon impact. Deputy Halpin, who was about 200-300 feet from the car, ran to assist Deputy [redacted]. Deputy Halpin saw Cheatam exit the car and run in a southbound direction on Normandie Avenue. Deputy Halpin then saw Deputy [redacted] appear from the front of the suspect's car, walking with a noticeable limp. Deputies [redacted] and Halpin took Cheatam to the ground by utilizing a leg sweep. Cheatam landed on his buttocks and the deputies used their body weight to get Cheatam onto his stomach. Cheatam was handcuffed without further incident. Both deputies could see that Cheatam was bleeding from a wound to his right hand. Suspect Cheatam kept repeating, "I was scared, I was scared. I'm sorry."

Deputy [redacted] was transported to Centinela Hospital and was treated by Doctor Lebrew for acute strain to his right knee. Suspect Cheatam was transported to Centinela Hospital and was treated by Doctor Ouligian for his gunshot wound.

The occupants of the white station wagon were uninjured.

Three (3) expended shell casings were recovered from in front of [redacted] 111th Street. Two (2) casings were in the south gutter and one (1) was on the curb. There was broken glass along the street in front of [redacted] 111th Street. The rear passenger window of the brown station wagon was shattered. There was a bullet hole in the hood approximately 2" below the windshield, which appeared to have ricocheted off the hood and into the windshield. There was a third bullet hole in the front passenger window frame.

Deputy Halpin did not broadcast he was in pursuit as he was not wearing a radio. Deputies wear very little additional equipment while executing search warrants for security reasons.

Sergeant Perez stated he was at the rear of the location when Deputy Layton ran back and said Deputies Halpin and [redacted] were in foot pursuit. He said the black and white unit, Deputies Ewing and Waddell, went to assist. Sergeant Perez went to the front of the location and saw Deputy Halpin run to a side street, but did not see Deputy [redacted] He heard a car crash, but did not actually see it. He said he was midway between 111th Street and 110th Street when he saw that a car had crashed into a fence on the corner of 110th Street and Normandie Avenue. Sergeant Perez witnessed Deputy Halpin use a leg sweep to take Suspect Cheatam to the ground. Sergeant Perez stated he, too, heard Cheatam yell, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry." Sergeant Perez did not hear the gunshots and became aware of the fact that Deputy Halpin had shot the suspect only when Deputy Halpin informed him after the suspect was handcuffed.

Deputy [redacted] stated he saw Cheatam stand up and run from the location, with Deputies Halpin and [redacted] in foot pursuit of him, but did not see where they went. Deputy [redacted] heard three (3) gunshots shortly thereafter, and then a traffic collision. He did see a deputy roll off a car, but he did not know who it was at the time.

Deputy Napue stated he was in the rear of the location at [redacted] assisting Deputies Ewing and Waddell with the four males they had detained earlier when Deputy Layton ran back and informed them that one of the males had run away and deputies were in foot pursuit. He did not see anything, nor did he hear any gunshots.

Deputy Layton stated he saw Suspect Cheatam run out of the front door of [redacted] upon the knock and notice of the deputies at the rear. He detained Cheatam, as well as [redacted] and [redacted], in the front yard. When Deputies Halpin and [redacted] came out front and retrieved several pieces of rock cocaine that Cheatam had thrown, Cheatam suddenly jumped up and ran through the gate, with Deputies Halpin and [redacted] in pursuit. Deputy Layton then ran to the rear of the location and informed the others about the foot pursuit. Deputy Layton said he did not hear any gunshots, nor did he see the first traffic collision. He did see Deputy Halpin handcuff Cheatam after the second traffic accident.

Deputies Ewing and Waddell stated they were in the rear of the location with the four males arrested prior to the execution of the search warrant. A few minutes after entry had been made, Deputy Layton ran back and told them about Suspect Cheatam running off, with Deputies Halpin and [redacted] in foot pursuit. Deputies Ewing and Waddel got in their radio car and went to assist. They saw Halpin and [redacted] handcuffing Cheatam on the northwest corner of Normandie Avenue and 110th Place. They observed bleeding from Cheatam's right wrist.

The owner of the brown station wagon, Mr. [redacted], stated he was preparing to go to work when he went back inside his home for a moment. He said he left his car parked with the engine

running in front of his home at [redacted] When he returned, his car was gone.

[redacted] stated he lives at [redacted] and was at home at 1400 hours when the deputies knocked at his back door and announced they had a search warrant. He said there were four other persons present with him at the time. He identified them as [redacted], Stanley Cheatam, [redacted] and a female whose name he did not know ([redacted]). Upon hearing the deputies' knock, he went to the front door. He said Stanley Cheatam and [redacted] went out the front door. He further stated Stanley had a "handful" of cocaine as he ran out. [redacted] remained at the front door and saw Stanley and [redacted] being detained by deputies outside. He said he then saw Stanley run from the location, although deputies had told him to remain still. [redacted] said shortly after Cheatam ran off, he heard three (3) gunshots.

[redacted] stated she was at [redacted] when the deputies knocked at the back door. She said the deputies identified themselves and announced they had a search warrant for the residence. She said no one opened the door because there was rock cocaine in the house. She said everyone tried to run out the front door. [redacted] and Stanley Cheatam were detained by a deputy when they ran out the front. She said they were told to lay down on the ground. She said Stanley tossed some pieces of rock cocaine on the ground as he came out the front door. She said shortly after being told to lay down, Stanley got up and ran off, with deputies running after him. [redacted] said she heard three (3) gunshots a short time later, but did not see or hear anything else.

[redacted] stated she was at [redacted] when the deputies knocked at the back door and announced they had a search warrant. She and Stanley ran out the front door and were detained by a deputy who told them to lay down. She said Stanley then got up and ran toward Normandie Avenue. She said she thought she heard 3 or 4 gunshots, and then a car crash, followed by sirens.

[redacted], the suspect's [redacted] stated he did not see anything, but heard shouting, followed by gunshots and a car crash.

[redacted] one of the four males originally detained,, did not see anything.

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[redacted] stated she was standing on the sidewalk on the east side of Normandie Avenue at 111 Street. She saw Suspect Cheatam running westbound across Normandies, followed closely by two deputies. She said Cheatam then ran westbound on 111th Street and jumped inside the driver's seat of a brown station wagon, which was parked on 111th Street. As he entered the car, one of the deputies ran along side of the car, and the other deputy was still running down the middle of 111th Street towards the vehicle. Witness [redacted] stated the suspect then drove the car directly at the deputy closest to him. She said the deputy ended up on the hood of the car. She said the other deputy then fired his weapon in to the car as it drove away. She said the suspect then crashed into a small white station wagon on Normandie Avenue. She said the deputy was still on the hood of the car and appeared to be "hanging on for his life". The suspect's car then drove quickly northbound on Normandie Avenue, with the deputy being thrown from side to side on the hood. She said the car

then crashed into a fence on the northwest corner of 110th Place, where the suspect was arrested. She stated she believed the suspect tried to run the deputy over and that he also tried to shake the deputy from the hood of the car.

[redacted] stated she was at home at the time of the incident, but did not see or hear anything.

Mr. [redacted] stated as he was walking up to his house, he heard "heavy" breathing coming toward him from the east. He said he looked to his left and saw two deputies in green and yellow jackets chasing a male black westbound on 111th Street. Mr. [redacted] said they ran past his house. He looked away for a few seconds. He turned back upon hearing 2-3 gunshots, and saw the male black driving eastbound on 111th Street with one deputy on the hood of the car. He said the deputy was trying to reach for his gun while on the hood. He said he lost sight of the deputy and the car when it reached the corner or 111th Street and Normandie Avenue. He heard the sound of a car crashing at the corner. Mrs. [redacted] said she was in the bedroom of her home, which is on the north side and faces the street. She looked out her window and saw two deputies chasing a males black westbound on 111th Street. She said the deputies were wearing green and yellow jackets. A few seconds after they ran past her window, she heard two (2) gunshots. She dropped to the floor and did not see anything further.

[redacted] said she had left her home prior to the incident and did not see anything.

[redacted] said she was in her house when she heard three (3) gunshots, and then the sound of a car crash. She did not see anything.

No one was at home at [redacted] or [redacted].

[redacted] saw the car crash with Deputy [redacted] on the hood.

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[redacted] saw the car crash with Deputy [redacted] on the hood.

[redacted] the driver of the white station wagon struck by Suspect Cheatam, stated she was driving in the #2 lane southbound on Normandie Avenue. As she drove past 111th Street, she was struck by Cheatam's car. [redacted] a passenger in the white station wagon, stated he saw Deputy [redacted] hanging onto the hood of the suspect's car prior to the collision with their car. He said the suspect then drove north on Normandie Avenue. [redacted] another passenger in the white station wagon, said she felt the impact with Cheatam's car, and then saw him drive north on Normandie.

COUNTY (_ LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DE_RTMENT
INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

Call	Observation	Search Warrant	Arrest Warrant
[ ]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

[redacted] 111th Street
Los Angeles, CA

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence	Business	Industrial	Parking Lot
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Street	**Backyard**	**Freeway**	**Rural**
[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Other			
[ ]			

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE	TIME	DAY
05/24/95	1415	Wednesday

LIGHTING	WEATHER
Good	Cloudy and cool

DISTANCE

Approximately 15 feet

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Suspect had run into a Deputy with a vehicle, who was clearly identified as a Deputy Sheriff as he was wearing an authorized green raid jacket, gun belt and badge.

LOS ANGE‿'S COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DE‿\RTMENT

DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME HALPIN, JOSEPH						
RANK Deputy Sheriff		EMPLOYEE NO. [redacted]	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Narcotics Bureau/Detective Division/Lnx Crew			
SEX M	RACE White	HEIGHT 5'11"	WEIGHT 205	DATE OF BIRTH [redacted]	AGE [redacted]	
DUTY STATUS On duty				HIRE DATE 11/01/84		
UNIFORM	RAID JACKET Yes	PLAIN CLOTHES Yes		VEST Yes		
INJURED No			DECEASED No	CORONER'S CASE NO. N/A		
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES None						

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? Lennox Station

SUPERVISED BY:

WEAPON USED

TYPE Beretta 92F	AUTHORIZED Yes
AMMUNITION TYPE 9 mm Winchester	AUTHORIZED Yes

RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [redacted]	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY 3	NO. OF HITS 1

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE No	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No	ORDERED BY N/A

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [redacted]	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [redacted]

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
01/92 - Present	Narcotics Bureau, Detective Division	Deputy
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
	[redacted]	

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M/I
CHAPMAN (AKA Cheatam, Stanley)	TRACY	

ADDRESS
[redacted]

SEX:	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE	DECEASED
M	Black	5'11"	160	09/20/61	33	No

INJURED	DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
Yes	Gunshot wound to right wrist

SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE
No

TYPE OF SUBSTANCE	LAB TEST CONDUCTED
N/A	N/A

ARMED	TYPE OF WEAPON
No	N/A

NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT	NUMBER OF HITS
None	None

SUSPECT VEHICLE
[redacted] - Station Wagon

CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS)

See attached

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Lennox Patrol deputies, assisted by Narcotics Bureau, Lennox crew, went to suspect's residence to serve a search warrant. Upon the knock and notice, deputies forced entry into residence due to failure by anyone inside the residence to respond. Deputies detained two males inside the residence, while the deputy on the front containment detained 2 females and 1 male, who had fled through the front door. The male black ran from the location, with Deputies Halpin and [redacted] in pursuit. The suspect stole a car parked on 111th Street and struck Deputy [redacted] with it, causing Deputy [redacted] to land on the hood. The suspect accelerated down the street, with Deputy [redacted] still on the hood. Deputy Halpin, fearing for Deputy [redacted] safety, fired three rounds at the suspect's vehicle as it passed him, striking the suspect once on the right wrist. The suspect's vehicle continued on, crashing into a vehicle travelling southbound on Normandie Avenue. The suspect then drove northbound in the southbound lanes of Normandie Avenue, finally crashing into a fenced yard on the northwest corner of Normandie Avenue and 110th Street. Deputy [redacted] was thrown from the hood and landed in the yard of the location. The suspect attempted to run from the vehicle, but Deputy Halpin utilized a leg sweep to take the suspect to the ground, where he was handcuffed with no further incident.